Subtask: Social, Cultural and Historic Consequences

PURPOSE

Identify Impacts of the Event

- Locally
  - Most Detailed Analysis
  - New Orleans by Neighborhood
- Regionally
  - Surrounding Area, Including Hurricane Footprint Area
  - Less Detailed Analysis
- Nationally
  - Areas Receiving Evacuees
  - Least Detailed Analysis

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Approach

- Pre-/Post Event Comparisons
  - Demographic Data
  - Qualitative Data
- Timeframes
  - Immediately Before Event
  - March/April 06
  - Post June 1
- Existing Data Sources
  - Observational (unobtrusive) Data To Support Repopulation Projections

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Results

- **A Wide Range Of Pre-existing Social And Physical Conditions In New Orleans (NO)**
  - Created Catastrophic Conditions Impacting People And The Social Networks Upon Which They Depend
- **Poor/African American/Elderly/Disabled Population Most Vulnerable To Consequences**
- **1.9 Million Relocated to Other Areas**
  - 320K Relocated to Houston Alone
- **High Uncertainty Regarding Repopulation of NO**
  - March ’06 Estimate NO Population: 150-180k
  - Return To Pre-Katrina Population Number May Take To Up To A Decade. Complex Factors Play In NO’s Future
  - Housing, Schools and Hurricane Protection Key to Repopulation

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Significance of Findings

- **Impacts of Event Will be Lasting**
  - Up to a Decade or Longer
  - Repopulation to Pre-Katrina Levels Uncertain in Near Term
- **Planning and Recovery Impacts**
  - Construction/Recovery Workforce Will Change Demographic Constitution of NO
  - Rebuilding Decisions/Flood Map Delineations (where and when)
- **Evacuees Having Human/Financial Capitals Likely to Find Opportunities Elsewhere**
  - Determinate in who comes back
- **Level of Flood Protection Critical to the Future of New Orleans**
  - Perception is Important
  - No Matter What Level of Protection, Warning, Preparedness and Response Execution Critical to Social Outcomes of Future Event